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Dear Editor:

re: Buffalo Lake Stabilization, Advocate, July 6, 1991

Jeff Stein, head of the resource impact section of the Fisheries and Oceans Department, was wrong to say that the review by the federal government won't affect the Getty government's decision to stabilize Buffalo Lake.

Stein states that the federal review of the Oldman Dam did not stop it's construction. In fact, the Alberta Government is breaking the law by continuing construction of the Oldman Dam without the required federal approvals, approvals that can not be given before the federal review is completed.

Hopefully, the Alberta Government has learned a lesson from the Oldman Dam fiasco and will not start construction of the Buffalo Lake Stabilization Project without all necessary federal and provincial approvals. Jeff Stein was wrong to suggest that they do otherwise.

The first four phases of the Parlbay Creek Channelization have already had a negative impact on migratory birds and on fish.

Since the project is likely to have significant impacts on Piping Plovers, an endanered species, I fully expect the federal government to order a full review of the project which will include public hearings by an independent panel.

sincerely,